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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, PK
SUBJECT: POPPY PRODUCTION AND THE AID TO PAKISTAN
MEETING

REF: STATE 118723

1. IN THE COURSE OF CONVERSATION MAY 16 WITH THE BELGIAN
MFA ECONOMIC OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR ASIA, JAN HELLMANS, AN
EMBASSY OFFICER ASKED INFORMALLY WHETHER BELGIUM MIGHT BE
WILLING TO INCLUDE AN ALLUSION TO THE OPIUM ISSUE IN ITS
OPENING STATEMENT AT THE JUNE CONSORTIUM MEETING.

2. HELLMANS ANSWERED THAT DRUGS IN GENERAL ARE NOT A VERY
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IMPORTANT ISSUE IN BELGIUM AND THUS THE GOB IS UNLIKELY TO
EMULATE THE U.S., PARTICULARLY IN THE CASE OF MINOR PRO-
DUCERS SUCH AS PAKISTAN. HELLMANS, WHO HAS SERVED IN
PAKISTAN, WAS ALSO SKEPTICAL THAT OPIUM PRODUCTION THERE
REALLY DOES DIVERT SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF AGRICULTURAL
RESOURCES. FINALLY, HE BELIEVES THAT "POPPY CLAUSES"
WOULD, IN ANY EVENT, BE QUIXOTIC AND PERHAPS UNFAIR TO

THE GOP, SINCE, IN HIS VIEW, THE ISLAMABAD AUTHORITIES
HAVE VERY LITTLE REAL CONTROL OVER THE NORTHWEST BORDER
PROVINCES.

3. FROM THE FOREGOING, IT SEEMS EVIDENT THAT BELGIUM IS
NOT REPEAT NOT A LIKELY CANDIDATE TO RAISE THIS ISSUE NEXT
MONTH IN PARIS. THE GOB COULD PROBABLY BE CONVINCED TO
DO ONLY IF A GENERAL DONOR COUNTRY CONSENSUS IN THIS
DIRECTION DEVELOPS. CHAMBERS

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